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Whereas, The government of Sudan and the southern opposition signed a peace agreement on Sunday, January 9, 2005, in Kenya, Africa;

Whereas, The peace agreement is expected to end Sudan's cruel treatment of southerners and the rebel south's deployment of an army consisting of children;

Whereas, Secretary of State Colin Powell, on behalf of the United States, with Ambassador John C. Danforth, U.S. Representative to the United Nations, assisted in negotiating the peace agreement;

Whereas, Stopping the conflict in western Darfur is not part of the peace agreement, however, and the Sudanese government is suspected of a policy of genocide in western Darfur;

Whereas, There is a need for the United States and the United Nations to continue to pressure the Sudanese government to stop supplying arms to the Janjaweed;

Whereas, The State of Indiana is deeply concerned over the poor human rights situation in Sudan;

Whereas, The State of Indiana calls for increased



international efforts to end the crisis in Sudan's Darfur region, and concurs with the assertion of the United States that genocide is ongoing in the Sudan;

Whereas, Despite significant pressure from the United States government, the government of Sudan has not taken all the necessary actions to disassociate itself fully from the fighting in Darfur;

Whereas, The government of Sudan places severe limitations on the political and religious freedoms of the Sudanese people despite promises of improvement and pledges to end the 20 year civil war between the government and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army;

Whereas, Severe restrictions are placed on the freedoms of assembly, association, movement, and speech of the Sudanese people, and the government actively censors the press;

Whereas, The government of Sudan violates the rules of war by deliberately attacking civilians and, since 1983, war and famine-related effects have led to more than two million deaths and over four million people displaced;

Whereas, The government of Sudan continues to engage in arbitrary arrest, prolonged detention, extra-judicial killings, and torture and rape of the Sudanese people, and declares that apostasy from Islam is punishable by death;

Whereas, The most sobering violation of human rights in Sudan is the existence of slavery or slavery-like indenture, and the progovernment militia continues to engage in abduction and slavery with impunity; and

Whereas, The 2002 Machakos Protocol, signed by both sides in the civil war in Sudan, has recognized that "Sudan is a multicultural, multiracial, multiethnic, multireligious, and multi-lingual country," and that there "shall be freedom of belief, worship, and conscience for followers of all religions or beliefs or customs and no one shall be discriminated against on such grounds" once a peace agreement is signed; Therefore,



*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana General Assembly
2 urge the executive director of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund
3 (PERF) to give notice to United States companies doing business in
4 Sudan that PERF will withdraw employee retirement funds that are
5 invested in those companies as long as the conflict continues in Darfur.
6 SECTION 2. That the members of the Indiana General Assembly
7 urge the executive director of PERF to ensure that no public employee
8 retirement funds are invested in companies doing business in Sudan, as
9 long as the genocide and fighting continues in Darfur.
10 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
11 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the executive
12 director of the Public Employees Retirement Fund.

